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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I chose my locally-based ISP because I wanted the ISP with the best customer service. As a customer, I want to be treated fairly and hate when huge companies manipulate the government to increase business and decrease benefit to the consumer,

AT&T is petitioning to take away access to critical unbundled network elements for local ISPs. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allows my ISP (Sonic) to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

My ISP options were just AT&T and Comcast before Sonic was able to use their last-mile copper business to start deploying fiber to homes like mine. I'm still thankful every day for not having to deal with AT&T or Comcast.

Please do right by the consumers.

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